

**St. Frances of Rome
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2024**

Attendees: Fr. Shayne Duvall, Fr. Steven Henriksen, Mary Masick, Dutch Boehnlein, Sr. Agnes Coveney, Jane Wehner, Therese Bawa, Laura Harpring, Bruce Hines, Greg Brotzge

Absent: Mary Keyer, Shannon Burns, Bill Johnston

1. Opening Prayer: Fr. Shayne Duvall
2. Vision & Purpose of SFR Parish Council: Parish Council members are a bridge between our parishioners and Fr. Shayne and Fr. Steven. Parish Council members are ambassadors at Mass. PC members are to come to Fr. Shayne and Fr. Steven with what we're hearing and feel free to email or call either presider, anytime.
3. SFR Parish Council Membership: Fr. Shayne asked present members to commit another year to the council. Therese Bawa, Laura Harpring, Greg Brotzge, Jane Wehner, Dutch Boehnlein (Finance Chair), Mary Masick and Sr. Agnes Coveney all agreed to another 1-year term on the SFR Parish Council.
4. Parish Council monthly agenda: Fr. Shayne plans to have staff share their plans for SFR regarding Communications (Nathan), Music/Liturgy training (Elizabeth), Stewardship/Engagement (????), Formation/Pastoral Care (Sharon B.)
 - a. Communications will be addressed at the October Parish Council meeting on 10/9/24 @6pm.
 - b. Sr. Agnes suggested that parishioners might be interested to audit these information sessions.
5. Pizza w/Priests: Fr. Shayne and Fr. Steven will be hosting a state of the parish w/pizza event on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 6:30pm, following Mass. All are welcome.
6. S.W.O.T. Exercise: Fr. Steven facilitated the exercise with the present parish council members. Results are in the table below.

| Strengths (S) | Weaknesses (W) | Opportunities (O) | Threats (T) |
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| 1.Small parish, intimate feeling | 1.Smallness = reduced resources | 1.How to welcome families with children, need this demographic | |
| 2.Location, draw from all over (majority 40206, 40207) | 2.Look at bulletin, add content and who to call for ideas, concerns, questions | 2.Offer invitation to audit PC meeting | |
| 3.Community, hospitality, feel welcome by parishioners/pastor (Know your name, eye contact, talking/giggling) | 3.Need volunteers for party plan/prep/implementation/cleanup besides PC members. | 3.Religious Ed for non-parochial school children. | |
| 4.Bulletin – Stable staff listed, repeat on website and electronic newsletter | 4.People are tired. | 4.Ask! Buddy System to work with PC member on event. | |
| 5. 24 Bible Study participants, 10 Rosary participants + breakfast fellowship. (cont.) | 5.Not diverse, socioeconomically, ecumenically | 5.Storytime with longtime parishioners | |

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| Thirst for Scripture, Benediction, Adoration, etc. | | | |
| 6.Physical space is quaint | 6.Demographics – older parishioners (1 Baptism, 21 Funerals) | 6.Clifton outreach/partnership | |
| 7.Yes! Party people: Donut Sunday, Friendsgiving, Synodal Listening Session | 7. Need energy | 7.Connection between school and parish | |
| 8.SFR est. in 1887, Archdiocese est. 1808 | 8.“Comfort Zone”: the “regulars” will usher, hospitality, etc. at mass times. Complacent in how we serve, preach. | 8.Children’s mass | |
| 9.HT on campus | 9.Communication means parishioner to parishioner, PC to parishioners, Word of Mouth (best way to advertise) | 9. Mass X | |
| | 10.Set Mass times: Sat 5:30 too late/dark, Sun 11:30 too late move to 10/10:30. | 10. Stations of the Cross with SFR/HT children | |
| | 11.Mass attendance – low, why and what would help? | | |

1. Friendsgiving: SFR will host on Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 6pm. More TBD.
2. Next Meeting: October 9, 2024 @ 6pm, SFR Parish Room in HT Clifton Campus Bldg.